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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## TREASURER, AUDITORS

AND

## Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

## TOWN OF SEABROOK,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending Mar. 1, 1871.

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## OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

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MODERATOR,  
STEPHEN G. JOHNSON.

TOWN CLERK,  
GEORGE W. RANDALL.

REPRESENTATIVE,  
JOSEPH CHASE.

SELECTMEN,  
STEPHEN G. JOHNSON,  
CHARLES A. SMITH,  
REUBEN EATON, 3d.

AUDITORS,  
JOHN M. WEARE,  
JOSIAH GOVE.

COLLECTOR,  
JAMES SANBORN, appointed by Selectmen.

Whole amount committed to him for collection.....	\$6,849 67
Interest.....	61 54
Total.....	\$6,911 11

# REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

By order of the Selectmen of Seabrook,

Paid William H. Huse & Co., printing Reports,	\$25 00
E. Lane, highway surveyor's books,	1 00
A. W. Mitchell, seven police badges,	7 25
A. J. Sanborn, S. S. Committee,	20 00
W. H. B. Currier, printing police regulations,	10 00
D. L. Bartlett, stationery,	3 05
Wm. Reed, seven pairs of handcuffs,	10 75
Reuben Wiley, building lock-up,	135 00
Joseph W. Brown, surveying Depot road,	1 00
• State Tax,	1464 00
County Tax,	1062 15
Elias Collins, stove and funnel for lock-up,	6 00
Amos R. Johnson, Committee on School Dist. No. 1,	77 00
Geo. A. Philbrick, " " " " 2,	200 00
William Boynton, " " " " 3,	200 00
Samuel S. Walton, " " " " 4,	245 00
Charles S. Dow, " " " " 5,	245 00
G. A. Weare, lumber for pound,	17 00
A. J. Sanborn, cash to A. R. Hatch for advice,	5 00
B. W. Sanborn, record books,	4 00
Marseilles & Hoyt, printing notices,	1 00
Dudley E. Feltch, wood to Town Hall,	1 38
George F. Dow, boards for Cemetery fence,	2 04
S. S. Committee, books for indigent children,	1 43

A. J. Sanborn, making and recording taxes,	17 00
"    "    "    "    invoice,	3 00
John M. Weare, paper,	30
Joseph S. Lane, iron work on Pound,	2 75
John D. Locke, nails and spikes for Pound,	81
John Sanborn, settling State Tax,	1 40
A. R. Johnson, Collector's book,	75
S. G. Johnson, 6 days' appraising and assessing,	9 00
"    "    to Exeter, five times,	10 00
"    "    Portsmouth, twice,	5 00
"    "    Hampton, "	2 00
"    "    Newburyport, "	3 00
"    "    calling two extra Town Meetings,	3 00
"    "    3 days' services on Depot road,	4 50
"    "    2 days' labor on Pound,	3 00
"    "    Superintending Police Station,	3 00
"    "    to Salisbury and Amesbury, ten times,	13 00
"    "    making order of notice, and examining routes on petitions of J. M. Weare and Edward Gove,	3 00
"    "    services as Treasurer,	35 00
"    "    services as Selectman,	45 00
"    "    postage,	50
Charles A. Smith, 6 days' appraising and assessing,	9 00
"    "    making record of births and deaths,	1 50
"    "    making Military roll,	1 50
"    "    services on Depot road,	3 00
"    "    labor on Pound,	3 00
"    "    examining routes on petitions of J. M. Weare and Edward Gove,	2 00
"    "    calling two extra Town Meetings,	2 00
"    "    one journey to Exeter,	1 00
"    "    "    Salisbury,	1 00
"    "    services as Selectman,	35 00
"    "    lock for Pound,	30
Reuben Eaton, 3d, 4 1-2 days' appraising and assessing,	7 25
"    "    services on Depot road,	1 00
"    "    examining route on petition of John M. Weare,	1 00
"    "    services as Selectman,	20 00
James Sanborn, collecting taxes 1870,	100 00
Emery Brown, " 1869,	95 00
Charles S. Dow, Investigating committee in School Districts,	3 00
Albert J. Sanborn, " "	3 00
John N. Brown, " "	3 00
William Boynton, " "	3 00
George W. Randall, record book,	2 00
"    "    services as Town Clerk,	15 00
John M. Weare, services as Auctioneer,	2 00
Auditors, auditing accounts,	2 00
Nathaniel Blatchford, damages on wagon and harness,	2 50
William Boynton, rent of land for Police Station,	3 00

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## ABATEMENTS.

Paid Thomas Chase, jr., Collector, 1866,	
Gamaliel Rowe, tax,	\$7 33
William Rowe, poll tax,	6 00
Hubbard Locke, "	3 85
Joshua Janvrin, jr., illegal tax,	6 00
Moses M. Jones, "	6 00
Charles French, "	6 00

Paid Caleb Eaton, illegal tax,	\$35
William E. Walton, "	6 00
James Dow, "	77
Joseph Yeaton, "	6 00
Thos. H. Dearbon, poll tax,	6 00
Tristram Dow, "	2 50
John Bragg, "	1 25
Belcher Brown, "	4 65
George Souther, "	3 65
Abram Souther, "	3 65
Heirs of Elias Felch, illegal tax,	3 42
Philip C. Dow, balance on poll tax,	4 50
Wm. T. Osgood, " "	4 00
David F. Fowler, illegal tax,	2 00
Geo. H. Perkins, "	5 00
	89 22

Paid Charles S. Dow, Collector in 1867.	
Gamaliel Rowe, poll tax,	\$5 28
Sylvester L. Brown, dog tax—illegal,	1 00
Moses Dow, poll tax,	5 64
Thomas H. Dearbon, poll tax,	5 28
William Eaton, jr., " —illegal,	5 85
Lowell Eaton, "	5 28
Almon Eaton, "	5 28
Robert Eaton, "	5 28
James Foster, "	5 28
James Fogg, "	5 64
George H. Perkins, "	5 28
Joseph Perry, "	5 28
Moses P. Souther, "	2 85
Robert D. Souther, "	4 35
John Williams, "	5 64
	73 21

Paid Emery Brown, Collector 1869.	
David F. Souther, poll tax,	\$3 38
"      " dog tax,	2 00
George Souther, poll tax,	3 83
Abram F. Souther, "	3 38
"      " dog tax,	2 00
Robert D. Souther, "	2 00
Charles H. Souther, poll tax,	3 38
Philip C. Dow, " for 1868,	3 71
Joseph C. Fowler, illegal dog tax,	1 00
	24 68

Paid Heirs of Abel Brown, illegally assessed.	\$0 37
James Brown, "	2 00
	2 37

Paid James Sanborn, Collector, 1870,	
William E. Walton, illegal poll tax,	\$3 30
Ezekiel Collins, " "	3 30
Dudley S. Locke, " "	3 30
John Smith, " "	3 30
Hubbard Locke, "	3 30
Sarah M. Eaton, dog tax,	1 00
John H. Eaton, poll tax,	8 30

Paid Chas. H. Muckmore, poll tax,	3 30
Wm. Walton, jr., "	3 30
Joshua Gove, "	5 72
True Eaton, "	3 30
Owen Sargent, illegal dog tax,	1 00
Jacob F. Eaton, " "	2 00
Thomas Felch, poll tax,	3 30
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	\$42 72

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Abbott A. Locke for land and damages on Depot Road,	\$1 50
John Philbrick, " " "	5 00
Elizabeth A. Walton, " " "	21 44
Newell Locke, " " "	2 00
Robert Collins, " " "	1 50
Charles A. True, for making snow paths in District No. 1,	19 36
Charles A. Smith, " " "	1 44
David E. Randall, " " "	9 22
Emery Brown, " " "	3 20
Samuel Walton, Jr., " " "	11 04
" " " for lumber in	1 12
Amos Felch, making snow paths in	5 52
George A. Weare, plank for	8 76
Abram W. Perkins, labor and plank in	1 50
John L. Brown, lumber in	1 30
Amos R. Johnson, bridge plank in	6 24
Nathaniel Blatchford, making snow paths in	25
James Sanborn, " " "	3 84
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	\$104 21

### NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED OUT.

District No. 1,	2 33
" No. 9,	19 33
" No. 1, 1867,	4 01
" No. 3,	1 02
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	\$26 69

### TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid David Boyd for wood to Polly Fowler,	\$3 25
" " " Nancy Eaton,	3 25
Annianias Fowler, support of P. J. Dow,	1 07
David Boyd, wood to Betsey Fowler,	3 25
Elizabeth Eaton, nursing Betsey Fowler,	3 50
S. G. Jenness, medical attendance on Betsey Fowler,	13 00
Dudley E. Felch, wood to	5 50
Jonathan Dearborn, medical attendance, " "	22 25
Reuben Eaton, 3d, cash for support of " "	57 00
John D. Locke, goods to Sarah L. Brown,	14 00
Mary True, house rent for " "	4 00
Sarah Rowe, support of " " to March 1, 1871,	199 50
Newell Brown, wood to " "	5 00
John N. Brown, clothing for " "	4 00
Sarah Rowe, making clothes " "	3 00
Dudley E. Felch, wood to Naney Eaton,	2 75
" " " Martha Eaton,	2 75

Paid Dudley E. Felch, wood to Sallie Dow,	2 75
"    "    "    Caroline Beckman,	5 50
"    "    "    "    "    "	5 50
Caroline Beckman, support of her family,	98 00
Samuel Walton, Jr., house rent for C. Beckman,	11 25
"    "    "    wood to    "    "	3 75
Richard Fowler, support of Pamelia J. Dow,	109 00
B. Fowler, cash for nursing Betsey Fowler,	7 33
David Boyd, wood to    "    "    "	3 25
Charles A. Smith, wood to    "    "    "	3 00
John Felch, wood to Polly Fowler,	2 50
Albert M. Dow, wood to Polly Fowler,	2 50
"    "    "    Nancy Eaton,	2 50
Edward Fowler,    "    Martha Eaton,	2 50
"    "    "    Sally Dow,	2 50
Moses Souther, support of Betsey Fowler to March 1st,	8 00
Joshua Eaton, wood to    "    "    "	6 00
Bryant Eaton,    "    Polly Fowler,	2 50
Samuel Walton, Jr., wood to Caroline Beckman,	3 75
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	\$629 15

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Sarah Rowe, supporting Miriam Cilley,	\$87 00
Doctor's bill for    "    "    "	\$2 00
Sarah Rowe, making clothes for Miriam Cilley,	66
Reuben Eaton, 3rd, cash delivered to Rhoda Fowler,	36 75
Dudley E. Felch, wood    "    "    "    "	2 00
David Chase, Jr.,    "    "    "    "    "	2 50
Charles A. Smith, cash to Mehitable Eaton,	63 15
John F. Felch, wood delivered to Mehitable Eaton,	4 00
Dudley E. Felch, wood    "    "    "    "	4 13
David Chase, Jr.,    "    "    "    "    "	2 50
Reuben Eaton, 3rd, cash to Phebe Eaton,	30 37
Dr. Cyrus Dearborn, medical attendance on Isaiah Dow, Jr., in 1869,	2 00
Aid to travellers,	33 82
Charles A. Smith, conveying Miriam Cilley to Brentwood,	5 00
"    "    "    James W. Eaton, to Brentwood,	4 00
S. G. Johnson,    "    Phebe Eaton    "    "    "	5 00
"    "    "    A. Wright and 4 children to Brentwood,	10 00
Dr. S. G. Jenness, medical attendance on Angeline Wright's family,	1 00
Dr. H. S. Dearborn, medical attendance on M. Eaton,	1 00
S. G. Johnson, journey to North Hampton,	2 50
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	\$299 38

## NOTES AND INTEREST.

1870.

Paid March 2, David Chase, Jr., interest endorsed,	\$53 17
"    16, David Boyd,    "    "    "	18 00
"    26, Edmund Morrill, note and interest,	335 00
"    30, Salisbury & Amesbury Savings Bank, interest endorsed,	560 00
May 24, Elizabeth B. Eaton, interest endorsed,	18 00
June 6, John M. Weare, note and interest,	590 39
June 22, Sarah E. Leavitt, interest endorsed,	302 65
Aug. 11, E. G. Dole,    "    "    "	35 00
Sept. 1, Rebecca Eaton,    "    "    "	100 00
Oct. 27, Thomas J. Clark,    "    "    "	70 00
"    "    Elizabeth Fullington, note and interest,	1.073 00

Paid Oct. 18, Moses True, interest endorsed,	70 00
Dec. 8, Thomas Lane, Jr., interest endorsed,	70 00

1871.

Paid Jan. 20, Moses G. Wilson, interest endorsed,	140 00
" Emily Cummings, " "	612 77
" John Chase, " "	18 00
Jan. 28, Benj. Morrill,	140 00
" Abel Morrill, " "	157 50
Jan. 30, John Chase, " "	30 00

1870.

Paid Dec. 5, Josiah Gove, interest endorsed,	37 72
1871,	

Jan. 19, Joseph F. Evans, interest endorsed,	37 08
" 20, Joseph S. Lane, " "	60 00
" 29, Jonathan Walton, Jr., interest endorsed,	15 90
Feb. 3, Moses Eaton, note and interest,	3127 68
" 5, Albert J. Sanborn, interest endorsed,	9 00
" 6, Daniel Merrill, " "	70 00
" " Stephen Osgood, " "	70 00
" 13, David Chase, Jr., " "	53 17
" 11, Jonathan Dearborn, " "	6 00
" 14, John Morrill,	70 00
" " Sarah E. Morrill, " "	10 50
" " Mary W. Joy, " "	10 50
" " Almira Morrill, " "	53 99
" 22, Nancy Morrill, " "	43 31
Mary W. Morrill Joy, note and note,	149 56

\$8217 87

## TOWN DEBT.

Date of Note.	To whom given.	Rate per cent.	Amount.
1862. March 4,	David Chase, jr.,	6	\$586 30
Oct. 14,	David Chase,	6	1162 27
1863. Dec. 24,	John Chase,	6	500 00
1864. May 2,	Abel Eaton,	6	106 74
Aug. 2,	John Chase,	6	300 00
" 5,	David Chase, jr.,	6	300 00
" 23,	Abraham Dow,	6	139 83
1867. May 6,	Newell Locke,	6	627 21
Dec. 5,	Josiah Gove,	6	300 00
1868. Jan. 31,	Joshua Eaton,	6	133 07
Feb. 28,	Jonathan Dearborn,	6	100 00
" 28,	Stephen B. Chase,	6	191 01
July 10,	Edwin Eaton,	6	224 72
Sept. 17,	Samuel Eaton,	6	326 69
Oct. 30,	Abraham Dow,	6	359 59
Dec. 27,	Eben Fowler,	6	449 44
1869. Jan. 14,	Elihu Dow,	6	337 08
Jan. 14,	Thomas Boyd,	6	337 08
Jan. 19,	Joseph F. Evans,	6	300 00
Feb. 11,	David Boyd,	6	318 00
Sept. 13,	Reuben Eaton,	6	455 80
Dec. 24,	David Chase,	6	754 72
1871. Mar. 17,	Stephen B. Chase,	6	421 42
Jan. 1,	Joseph S. Lane,	6	1000 00
Jan. 16,	Jonathan Walton, Jr.,	6	265 00
Feb. 19,	A. J. Sanborn,	6	150 00

1864.	Jan. 15,	Amesbury and Salisbury Savings Bank,	7	\$4000 00
1865.	Oct. 28,	Thomas J. Clark,	7	1000 00
1866.	July 7,	Sarah E. Leavitt,	7	2000 00
	Oct. 4,	Amesbury and Salisbury Savings Bank,	7	4000 00
	Mar. 8,	Sarah E. Morrill,	7	150 00
	Mar. 8,	John Merrill,	7	1000 00
1869.	July 21,	Elmira Merrill,	7	475 00
	July 22,	Nancy Morrill,	7	335 00
	Oct. 15,	Stephen Osgood,	7	1000 00
	Oct. 18,	Moses True,	7	1000 00
1870.	Dec. 2,	George F. Eaton,	7	1013 90
	Jan. 22,	Benjamin Morrill,	7	2000 00
	Jan. 22,	Moses G. Wilson,	7	2000 00
	Jan. 22,	Abel Morrill,	7	2250 00
	Feb. 4,	Daniel Merrill,	7	1000 00
	Dec. 8,	Thomas Lane, jr.,	7	1000 00
1870.	Oct. 27,	Eliza H. Morrill,	7	1000 00
1871.	Feb. 1,	Rebecca Eaton,	7	2000 00
1869.	May 11,	Elizabeth B. Eaton,	7	300 00
	July 14,	Edward G. Dole,	7	500 00
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				\$38,149 87

### SUMMARY.

Whole amount of Receipts	\$15,028 11
Whole " of Expenditures,	13,840 59
Balance in the Treasury,	\$1,187 52

### STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES.

#### PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Common Island and Dow Marsh	\$550 00
Due from A. Feltsch and J. Beckman,	11 40
" Newell Dow,	17 62
" County,	20 62
" Thomas Chase, jr., Collector in 1866,	134 36
" Charles S. Dow,     " 1867,	168 59
" James Sanborn,     " 1870, at 10 per cent,	20 20
Money in the Treasury,	1,187 52
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	\$2,110 21

Amount of Debts,	\$38,149 87
Due the Town and property owned by the Town,	2,110 21
Balance against the Town,	\$36,039 66

S. G. JOHNSON, Treasurer of Seabrook.

We, the subscribers, have this day examined the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1st, 1871, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in the Treasury of \$1,187.52.

JOHN M. WEARE, {  
JOSIAH GOVE, } AUDITORS.

Seabrook, Feb. 26, 1871

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

1 *In presenting my second annual report I regret to say that our schools the past year have not all made that advancement necessary. It is believed that the teachers employed have been faithful to the extent of their ability, and some of them "apt to teach" and good disciplinarians; but to give a correct report and do justice to them it is necessary to take into account the training most of the scholars receive at home. It needs no private acquaintance with individual families to know that a large majority of parents exert over their children no controlling influence in regard to their general conduct at school, or the respect and obedience they owe their teacher, or that they must be regular and punctual at school.*

3 *During the past year there have been 843 instances of tardiness; this together with a reduced average attendance, are disgraceful facts and need no comment. They too plainly indicate neglect and indifference on the part of many parents, and are strong arguments for advocates of COMPULSORY attendance.*

4 *Another evil, of like tendency, is the continual fault-finding of outside parties who never visit schools and who, consequently, are entirely ignorant of their practical workings. No person has the moral right to find fault with a teacher until he has visited the school and made himself familiar with its management. If the teacher is found incompetent it is then time enough to enter a formal complaint. A school cannot be a complete success unless parents and teachers co-operate together for the public good. Such being the defects of our system, what then is the obvious remedy?*

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*First, Employ only first-class teachers. This I say without intending to reflect in any manner upon those who have performed well their part.*

*Second, Let parents manifest a better spirit toward the teachers and materially help them by subjecting their children to good discipline at home.*

*Third, Increase your amount of school money.*

*Fourth, Provide better school-rooms.*

5 *We have some school-houses in town unworthy of the name; they are miserable old hovels, totally unfit for the purposes designed and hardly up to the level of second-class pig-pens. There are but few school-rooms to be found anywhere so mean and dirty. School-houses are educators; on their attraction and comfort depend in a measure the contentment, intelligence, virtue and happiness of the pupil. It is said that our fathers received their education in these school-houses and therefore they should answer for us. The meeting-houses in which our fathers worshipped have given place to edifices superior to them in point of elegance and convenience. We assemble in these but one day in a week, and that too for only a few hours, while the scholar is confined in the ancient school-room every day in the week for months in succession. It is not enough that we can get along with poor school-houses and schools and still live. I desire to see our schools steadily advancing in the path of progress until they reach a degree of perfection hitherto attained. (It is a duty incumbent upon every good citizen*

to see that his children are educated to the extent of his means.) It is more desirable to educate our children than to support them as criminals and paupers.

I close my report with some detailed remarks concerning the different schools.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Fannie Tilton, of Derry. This school is very small, too limited in numbers to awaken encouraging energy in either teacher or pupil. The order of the school has been well sustained; good progress was observable in reading and spelling, but writing was too much neglected. This school, though small, needs a teacher of sufficient ability to throw life and activity into every branch of study.

### DISTRICT No. 2.

The Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Olivia J. Otis, of Lee. In my several visits to her school during the year I invariably found good order and earnest effort on the part of the teacher. I regard Miss Otis' method of instruction as worthy of imitation, being alike systematic and thorough. She is an energetic teacher and deserves much credit for her untiring exertions to promote the interests of the school.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Mary E. Dow, of Seabrook. I found this school very quiet, orderly and well-disposed. The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Edwin Eaton, of Seabrook. I received no notice of the commencement or close of the term, consequently am not able to say much relative to the comparative progress of the school. It is the duty of the Prudential Committee to notify the Superintending School Committee of the commencement and close of each term.

### DISTRICT No. 4.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Martha A. Dow, of Seabrook. This school was closed before a second visit was made, but as Miss Dow is an experienced teacher and taught in this district last year, we have reason to believe the time well spent by teacher and pupils. The Winter Term was taught by Miss Mary E. Dow, of Seabrook. Considering the condition of the school-room a fair progress was made; still the school is backward in reading.

### DISTRICT No. 5.

The Summer Term in this district was taught by Miss Caroline A. Perkins, of Seabrook. This is the largest school in town, numbering 113 scholars. No one can expect a teacher to do justice with so large a number. The Winter Term was taught by Miss Martha P. Perkins, of Hampton. This was Miss Perkins' second year of teaching in this district, and she sustained her reputation as a successful teacher. There are forty-five scholars reported in this district between 4 and 14 as not attending school this winter.

Appended to this report will be found a list of names of scholars who have received honorable mention for their regular attendance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. SANBORN, *Superintending Committee.*

## STATISTICS, SCHOOL OFFICERS, &c.

Superintending Committee.....A. J. SANBORN.

DISTRICT No. 1—AMOS R. JOHNSON,  
 " No. 2—GEORGE A. PHILBRICK,  
 " No. 3—WILLIAM BOYNTON.  
 " No. 4—SAMUEL S. WALTON.  
 " No. 5—CHARLES S. DOW.

Amount of money appropriated by the town for school purposes..... \$850 00  
Expense of books for indigent children..... 1 43

### **Names of Scholars Not Absent during the Year.**

DISTRICT No. 1.—Bertha Randall, Thomas M. Gove.

**DISTRICT No. 2.—Annie M. Perkins.**

DISTRICT No. 3.—Phineas T. Beckman, George H. Boyd, Ezra Knowles, Charles Rowe, George Rowe, Dora A. Beckman, Miriam C. Beckman, Harriet E. Dow, Joanna Knowles.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Mary L. Walton, Alexander Eaton, Stephen S. Janvrin.

**DISTRICT No. 5.—Laura M. Eaton.**

## Scholars Not Absent one-half Day during the Term.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Charles W. Sanborn, John B. Locke, Alvin H. Locke.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Frank Beckman, Alfred F. Dow, John S. Carey, Lizzie F. Dow, Katie Felch, Nancy J. Walton, Lucy E. Felch.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Moses Boyd, Jeremiah Eaton, Lucy J. Eaton, Sarah M. Eaton, Clara E. Gynam, Laura A. Walton, Chester W. Smith, Mary E. Knowles, Helen F. Knowles, Laura S. Bennett, Mary Eaton, Betsey Eaton, Serilla Eaton, Frank E. Smith, Willie Boyd, Frank Bennett.

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.